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IN THE CLAIMS:

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system for a target (11)—against an attacking projectile of the type incorporating a launcher device (1)—for defensive projectiles and control means for the device after the attacking projectile has been detected, wherein thesaid launcher device (1)—comprises a cupola (2)—mobile in bearing with respect to thesaid target and a launcher (4)—integral with thesaid cupola and articulated in elevation in the bearing range of thesaid cupola to ensure a compactness of the whole assembly with respect to thesaid target.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 1, wherein thesaid launcher (4)—is mounted articulated at its base around a hinge pin (17)—integral with thesaid cupola (2)...

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 2, wherein thesaid cupola (2)—is in the form of a circular

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seat (3) delimiting a lateral wall whose height is less than half its external diameter.

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 3, wherein thesaid launcher (4) is activated in rotation by a jack (19) placed in the inner space delimited by the lateral wall, integral at one end with thesaid cupola and whose rod (20) is integral with a lever (18) extending the base of said launcher.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 4, wherein at zero elevation thesaid jack rod (20) is parallel to the plane (P1) of rotation in bearing of thesaid cupola.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to any one of the above Claims, wherein thesaid launcher (4) is articulated in elevation at an angle of between -10° and +70°.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to any one of the above Claims claim 1, wherein the length of

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~~thesaid launcher (4)~~ is substantially equal to the diameter (d) of ~~thesaid~~ cupola.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 7, wherein ~~thesaid~~ launcher (4) incorporates two launching tubes (5, 6) placed side by side.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to any ~~one of the above Claims~~Claim 1, wherein ~~thesaid~~ cupola (2) is activated in bearing rotation with respect to ~~thesaid~~ target (11) using a rack pinion (15, 27) assembly.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 59, wherein ~~thesaid~~ pinion (15) is integral with ~~thesaid~~ cupola (2).

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to Claim 69, wherein the rack (27) is integral with the ~~a~~ control means (9) comprising a double-acting jack (25) whose piston (26) is activated by a hydraulic unit (10).

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12. (Currently Amended) A ~~defence~~defense system according to
Claim 11, wherein the axis of thesaid piston (26)—is
substantially parallel to the plane (P1) of bearing rotation.